Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—On account of the defects in the logs.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—But the agreement is to pay according to the Hill Depot measurement, whereas the value was paid at this smaller measurement.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It was on the Diwan's express orders.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Was it on the report of the Conservator that such an allowance should be given?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No. It was done on his own accord.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Diwans do not interfere without a recommendation of a Head of a Department.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Has the Member any right to speak now?

President.—But the party applied to the Diwan.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

President.—Did the Diwan make a reference to the Conservator?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

199. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a subsequent agreement with Mugaseth to sell 2,000 candies or thereabout (of rose-wood) in 1102 or 1103 and if so, whether a copy of the same can be placed on the Table of the House;

(b) was the contract given after calling for tenders or by private negotiation;

(c) what was the total quantity delivered or removed under that contract specifying the number of each of the sizes referred to therein;

(d) when was delivery made or timber removed by the contractor;

(e) has the contractor paid the full value of the said timber, and if not, what is the amount remaining due to the Government at the beginning of 1104?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes. For a copy of the agreement referred to vide answer to sub-division (1) of question No. 197.

(b) By private negotiations.

(c) Logs, 1,954 candies.
Toplings, 520 candies.

(d) 1103.

(e) Out of the total amount of Rs. 40,351—11—3 due by the firm an amount of Rs. 20,000 was realised in 1103 and the balance in Chingam 1104.

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